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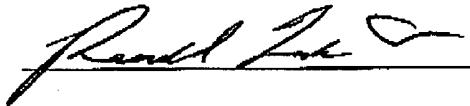
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Dear Sir:

Appellants appealed to the Board of Appeals by filing a Notice of Appeal, dated February 24, 2005 from the final rejection of Claims 1-39, as contained in the final Office Action dated September 24, 2004 of the Primary Examiner. An Appeal Brief was filed with the Office on 08/18/2006.

In response to the Office communication dated 09/11/2006, Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, please amend the above identified Appeal Brief by replacing section (5) **SUMMARY OF THE CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER** with the substitute section (5) starting on page 2 of this document.

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(5) SUMMARY OF THE CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

One embodiment of the present invention (as recited in claim 1) relates to a method for caring for a fabric article comprising the steps of: providing a laundry detergent composition comprising a set of laundering instructions (see, e.g., Specification as filed, page 6, lines 32-35); providing a fabric treatment composition comprising a set of fabric treatment instructions (see, e.g., *id.* at page 16, lines 15-29), the fabric treatment composition being selected from the group consisting of a bleaching composition, a color maintenance composition, a dryer sheet composition, a finishing composition, a pre-treating composition, and a combination thereof (see, e.g., *id.* at page 10, lines 2-7); laundering a fabric article with the laundry detergent composition (see, e.g., *id.* at page 2, lines 24-26); and treating the fabric article with the fabric treatment composition (see, e.g., *id.* at page 2, lines 26-27), wherein the set of laundering instructions comprise a laundering recommendation to use the laundry detergent composition in combination with the fabric treatment composition (see, e.g., *id.* at page 6, lines 32-35), wherein the set of fabric treatment instructions comprise a fabric treatment recommendation to use the fabric treatment composition in combination with the laundry detergent composition (see, e.g., *id.* at page 16, lines 15-18.)

Another embodiment of the present invention (as recited in claim 6) relates to a method for providing a fabric care system comprising the steps of: providing a laundry detergent composition (see, e.g., *id.* at page 4, lines 25-27); providing a fabric treatment composition selected from the group consisting of a bleaching composition, a color maintenance composition, a dryer sheet composition, a finishing composition, a pre-treating composition, and a combination thereof (see, e.g., *id.* at page 10, lines 2-7); and providing a set of fabric treatment instructions comprising a fabric treatment recommendation to use the fabric treatment composition in combination with the laundry detergent composition (see, e.g., *id.* at page 16, lines 15-18.)

Another embodiment of the present invention (as recited in claim 13) relates to a method for caring for a fabric article comprising the steps of: providing a fabric conditioning composition comprising a set of conditioning instructions (see, e.g., *id.* at

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page 9, lines 6-9); providing a fabric treatment composition comprising a set of fabric treatment instructions, the fabric treatment composition being selected from the group consisting of a bleaching composition, a color maintenance composition, a dryer sheet composition, a finishing composition, a pre-treating composition, and a combination thereof (see, e.g., *id.* at page 10, lines 2-7); conditioning a fabric article with the fabric conditioning composition (see, e.g., *id.* at page 7, lines 28-35), and treating the fabric article with the fabric treatment composition (see, e.g., *id.* at page 10, lines 11-12), wherein the set of conditioning instructions comprise a recommendation to use the fabric conditioning composition in combination with the fabric treatment composition (see, e.g., *id.* at page 9, line 6-8), and wherein the set of fabric treatment instructions comprise a fabric treatment recommendation to use the fabric treatment composition in combination with the fabric conditioning composition (see, e.g., *id.* at page 16, lines 15-18.)

Another embodiment of the present invention (as recited in claim 18) relates to a method for providing a fabric care system comprising the steps of: providing a fabric conditioning composition (see, e.g., *id.* at page 7, lines 28-30); providing a fabric treatment composition selected from the group consisting of a bleaching composition, a color maintenance composition, a dryer sheet composition, a finishing composition, a pre-treating composition, and a combination thereof (see, e.g., *id.* at page 10, lines 2-7); and providing a set of fabric treatment instructions comprising a fabric treatment recommendation to use the fabric treatment composition in combination with the fabric conditioning composition (see, e.g., *id.* at page 16, lines 15-18.)

Another embodiment of the present invention (as recited in claim 25) relates to a method for providing a fabric care system comprising the steps of: providing a laundry detergent composition (see, e.g., *id.* at page 4, lines 25-27); providing a fabric conditioning composition (see, e.g., *id.* at page 7, lines 28-30); providing a fabric treatment composition selected from the group consisting of a bleaching composition, a color maintenance composition, a dryer sheet composition, a finishing composition, a pre-treating composition, and a combination thereof (see, e.g., *id.* at page 10, lines 2-7); and providing a set of fabric treatment instructions comprising a fabric treatment recommendation to use the fabric treatment composition in combination with a composition selected from the

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group consisting of the laundry detergent composition, the fabric conditioning composition, and a combination thereof (see, e.g., *id.* at page 16, lines 15-18.)

Another embodiment of the present invention (as recited in claim 34) relates to a method for providing a fabric care system comprising the steps of: providing a first fabric treatment composition selected from the group consisting of a bleaching composition, a color maintenance composition, a dryer sheet composition, a finishing composition, a pre-treating composition, and a combination thereof (see, e.g., *id.* at page 10, lines 2-7, and lines 19-20); providing a second fabric treatment composition selected from the group consisting of a bleaching composition, a color maintenance composition, a dryer sheet composition, a finishing composition, a pre-treating composition, and a combination thereof (see, e.g., *id.*); and providing a set of fabric treatment instructions (see, e.g., *id.* at page 16, lines 15-16), wherein the first fabric treatment composition is different from the second fabric treatment composition (see, e.g., *id.* at page 10, lines 19-20), and wherein the fabric treatment instructions comprise a fabric treatment recommendation to use the first fabric treatment composition in combination with the second fabric treatment composition (see, e.g., *id.* at page 16, lines 15-18.)

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are allowable and the Appeal Brief is in compliance with all provisions of 37 C.F.R. 41.37. Accordingly, Appellants respectfully request reversal of all rejections.

Respectfully submitted,

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